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It is commonly believed that the *Ribston Pippin* is a native of England, and that it sprang from seed in *Yorkshire*: on close investigation it, however, appears that this opinion is erroneous. The first accurate account of its introduction which I received, was from Mr. R. A. SALISBURY, who had been told, many years previous, by old Mr. PERFECT, a nurseryman at *Pontefract*, that it was a *French Apple*. I have since ascertained this to be true, through the kindness of HENRY GRIMSTON, Esq. who was so good to inquire for me, at the fountain head, of one of the descendants of Sir HENRY GOODRICKE, Bart., a gentleman formerly well known in *Yorkshire*, as having introduced many rare American Forest Trees, as well as French Fruits; and the *Ribston Pippin* appears to have been first imported by him, from *Normandy*, about a century ago.

This Apple is highly esteemed in the London market, and well deserves a place in every garden; possessing most of the qualities requisite for the dessert as well as the kitchen. It is a tree still of vigorous growth, and bears well; but, in some soils, especially such as are dry and sandy, it is already beginning to canker; which confirms the improbability of its having been lately raised from

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